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1. HEREWITH THE TEXT OF LETTER SENT BY GVN TWO-PARTY JMC REP TO ACTING HEAD, POLISH DEL ICCS ON AIRFIELDS, INFILTRATION OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS AND MISSILES, ASKING ICCS TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURE TO COMPEL PRG AND DRV TO PUT AN END TO THESE VIOLATIONS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER,

THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE CENTRAL TWO-PARTY JMC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE ICCS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO YOUR COMMISSION THE FOLLOWING:
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FIRST. THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE CENTRAL TWO-PARTY JMC HAS NOTED THE OCCURRENCE OF THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT EVENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT (SERIAL PICTURES ATTACHED HEREWITH):

1. THE PRGRSVN, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DRV, HAS ESTABLISHED, REPAIRED AND ENLARGED AT LEAST 12 AIRFIELDS IN SOUTH VIETNAM IN ITS ATTEMPT TO GRADUALLY TRANSFORM THESE AIRFIELDS INTO AIR FORCE BASES. THESE AIRFIELDS ARE:

1. THE DONG HA AIRFIELD (QUANG TRI PROVINCE). FOR LIGHT AIR-CRAFT.

2. THE HKE SANH AIRFIELD (QUANG TRI PROVINCE), FOR JET PLANES.

3. THE BEN HET AIRFIELD (KONTUM PROVINCE), FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT.

4. THE DAKTO AIRFIELD (KONTUM PROVINCE), FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT.

5. THE PHUONG HOANG AIRFIELD (KONTUM PROVINCE), FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT.

6. THE POLEI-KRONG AIRFIELD (KONTUM PROVINCE), FOR MEDIUM-WEIGHT AIRCRAFT.

7. THE DUC CO AIRFIELD (PLEIKU PROVINCE), FOR MEDIUM-WEIGHT AIRCRAFT.

8. THE BO DUC AIRFIELD (PHUOC LONG PROVINCE), FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT.

9. THE LOC NINH AIRFIELD (BINH LONG PROVINCE), FOR MEDIUM-WEIGHT AIRCRAFT. THIS AIRFIELD IS BEING REPAIRED.

10. THE MINH THANH AIRFIELD (BINH LONG PROVINCE) FOR MEDIUM-WEIGHT AIRCRAFT.

1. THE KATUM AIRFIELD (TAY NINH PROVINCE), FOR LIGHT-WEIGHT AIRCRAFT.
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QWM THE THIEN NGON AIRFIELD (TEY NINH PROVINCE) FOR MEDIUM-WEIGHT AIRCRAFT. THIS AIRFIELD IS BEING REPAIRED.

ESPECIALLY, THE KHE SANH AIRFIELD HAS BEEN ENLARGED AND ITS RUNWAY WAS EXTENDED TO 1900M LONG AND COULD AFFORD ALL KINDS OF FIGHTING AND CARGO AIRCRAFT.

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2. THE PRGRSVN AND THE DRVN GOVERNMENT HAVE INFILTRATED INTO SOUTH VIETNAM LARGE ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS WITH WEAPONS AND DENSELY DEPLOYED THEM IN THE VICINITIES OF THE ABOVE-SAID AIRFIELDS. FOR INSTANCE, THE KHE SANH AIRFIELD HAS DOZENS OF SAM-2 MISSILE SITES WITH A GREAT DEAL OF AA GUNS THAT WERE NOT PRESENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

3. ON JULY 9, 1973,, DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE, THE DRVN REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT THEY WERE LEGALLY ALLOWED TO REPAIR AND ENLARGE ALL AIRFIELDS LOCATED IN THEIR TEMPORARY STATIONING AREAS, TO BE USED LATER AS COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS.

SECOND. THR RVN MILITARY DELEGATION IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF THE AFORESAID AIRFIELDS, THE INFILTRATION OF LARGE AA UNITS AND ESPECIALLY THE SAM-2 MISSILES INTO SOUTH VIETNAM PROVE THAT THE PRGRSVN AS WELL AS THE DRVN VIOLATED ARTICLE 7 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

IF THE PRGRSVN AND THE DRV BASE MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, HIS ACT WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 15(B) OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. MOVEMENT OF WEAPONS AND WAR MATERIAL INTO SOUTH VIETNAM THROUGH THESE AIRFIELDS, AND NOT THROUGH DESIGNATED POINTS OF ENTRY, WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 7 OF THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

ACCORDING TO THE 1954 GENEVA CONVENTION AND TO INTERNATIONAL LAW, THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL SOUTH VIETNAM, BEING THE SOLE AND LEGAL GOVERNMENT AND THIS SOVEREIGNTY ENCOMPASSES LAND AND AIR SPACE. AIRCRAFT OF ALL FOREIGN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE DRV, WHICH WANT TO FLY IN THE RVN AIR SPACE OR TO MAKE LANDINGS ANYWHERE ON RVN TERRITORY MUST HAVE PRIOR AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.
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THE STATEMENT OF THE DRV REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ACT VIOLATING INTER-NATIONAL LAW AND IS ALSO AN ACT OF PROVOCATION.

THIRD. DEAR MR. MINISTER,

THE ABOVE-SAID VIOLATIONS BY THE PRGRSVN AND THE DRV ARE DELIBERATE AND MAY HAVE VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE RVN VMILITARY DELEGATION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE ICCS, IN ITS TASKS OF CONTROLLING AND SUPERVISING, TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES COMPELLING THE PRGRSVN AND THE DRV TO PUT AN END TO THESE VIOLATIONS.

THR RVN MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE CENTRAL TWO-PARTY JMC AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR COMMISSION THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

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